IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket

Marcel F.C. Schemmann et. al.

PHA 23,939

Serial No. 09/474,299

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2633

Examiner: David S. Kim

TITLE: DWDM CATV Return System With Up-Converters To Prevent

Fiber Crosstalk

Filed: 12/29/99

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 10/02/2002, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement to elect one of the following species:

Species 1 shown in figure 1;

Species 2 shown in figures 7-8;

Species 3 shown in figure 10;

Species 4 shown in figure 11; and

Species 5 shown in figure 12;

Applicant elects the prosecution of species 4 at this time.

Applicant believes that the claims relate to the species as follows:

Claims 1-8 are generic to species 1, 2, 4 and 5;

Claims 9-11 are generic to all the species;

Claims 12-13 reads on species 3; Claim 14 is generic to species 1, 2, 4 and 5; 00000014 141270 09474299

Claims 15-17 are generic to species 3 and 4;

claim 18 is generic to all the species; 01 FC:1251 110.00 CH

claims 19-20 is generic to species 1, 2, 4 and 5;

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